

**Claim Amendments**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

9. (Presently Amended) A machine for retrieving a felled log, comprising:

- a body having an engine, tracks and operator cabin;
- a boom having first and second ends and attached to the body at the first end;
- a winch pulley disposed proximate said second end of said boom;
- a winch reel disposed proximate the boom first end, said reel winding and unwinding a cable positioned by said pulley and attached to said log;
- a solenoid valve hydraulically powering said winch reel; and
- a stabilizing arm attached to the boom and stabilizing the [[boom]] machine when said logs are being retrieved.

10. (Presently Amended) The machine of claim 9, in which said forearm comprises a grappler [[or]] and an excavator bucket, ~~said excavator interchangeable with said grappler.~~

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The machine of claim 9, in which the stabilizing arm comprises a hydraulically operated backhoe forearm.

13. (Original) The machine of claim 9, in which said backhoe is pivotally attached to the boom.

14. (Presently Amended) The machine of claim 9, in which a grappler ~~arm~~ is attached in opposition to said excavator bucket.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Presently Amended) A method of retrieving a first log, comprising:

providing a log retrieving machine having a body, a boom and a stabilizing arm,

wherein said boom is operably attached to said body and wherein said

stabilizing arm is operably attached to said boom;

securing a cable around said first log, said cable extending through a pulley

attached to a distal end of ~~[[a]]~~ said boom, ~~said boom stabilizing by an~~

~~attached backhoe forearm;~~

moving said stabilizing arm so that a distal end of said stabilizing arm engages a

ground surface adjacent said log retrieving machine to stabilize the log

retrieving machine; and

actuating a winch ~~via a solenoid valve, said winch attached to an excavator body~~

~~proximate end of said boom,~~ mounted on said log retrieving machine to

draw in said cable, thereby retrieving said first log.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, in which the first log is retrieved to a lower elevation.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, in which the first log is retrieved to a higher elevation.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising grasping a second log.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, in which the second log is grasped by a grapppler attached to the backhoe forearm.